

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement of December 7, 2004, application hereby elect with traverse Group IV, claims 44-66, for further prosecution.

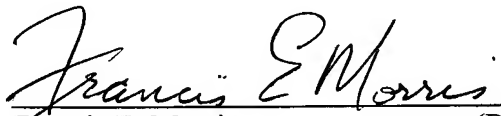
If it is respectfully submitted that at least the claims of Group V, claims 67-83, are directed to the same invention as that of claims 44-66 and should be examined with those claims. As the Examiner is aware, claims 67-83 are all dependent either directly or indirectly on claim 44 just as claims 45-66 are all dependent on claim 44. Moreover, claims 67-69, 72-78, 80, 82, 83 are directed to certain details of the processing modules of claim 44 while claims 47, 50, 51, 55, 57, 59, 65 are also directed to details of the processing modules. Indeed, the text of claims 61 and 69 (but not their dependency) is nearly the same. Since all the claims in the two Groups are dependent on claim 44 and since many of the claims are directed to details of the processing modules, it is submitted that it would be more efficient to search all of claims 44-83 at once.

Aside from the fee for an extension of time, no additional fee is believed to be due for filing this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge such fee to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, she is invited to call applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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